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SUBJECT: TEXT OF WARNING NOTICE TO US FISHERMEN

REF: A) CCGD7 141414Z JUL 75; B) COMDT 171200Z JUL 75;  
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1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF WARNING NOTICE TO US  
FISHERMEN, BASED ON PROPOSED TEXTS IN REF A AND B AND  
ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 REF C.

2. QUOTE: ON JULY 9, 1975 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMON-WEALTH OF THE BAHAMA ISLANDS DECLARED THE SPINY LOBSTER A CREATURE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDER A NEW LAW. THE NEW BAHAMIAN LAW IS VERY MUCH LIKE A UNITED STATES LAW THAT PROTECTS THE AMERICAN LOBSTER AS WELL AS CERTAIN SPECIES OF CRAB, SPONGE, CORAL, AND MOLLUSK FROM FOREIGN FISHERMEN.

YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BAHAMAS. TALKS ARE NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS HAS INDICATED THAT ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL ACT WITH DISCRETION DURING A SHORT PERIOD TO ALLOW FISHERMEN TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION. IF YOU ARE FOUND FISHING FOR SPINY LOBSTER ON THE BAHAMIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF, YOU COULD BE GIVEN A WARNING, BUT YOU ARE SUBJECT TO ARREST AND PROBABLY WILL BE ARRESTED FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS.

FISHERMEN CAN HELP THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN OBTAINING A FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE BAHAMAS BY NOT CAUSING TROUBLE WITH THE BAHAMIAN POLICE AND BAHAMIAN FISHERMEN.

THE BEST WAY TO AVOID TROUBLE IS NOT TO FISH ON THE BAHAMIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT IF YOU COMMIT A VIOLENT ACT AGAINST ANYONE OR ANY VESSEL YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE SEVERELY PUNISHED UNDER UNITED STATES OR BAHAMIAN LAW OR BOTH.

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3. DEPT. APPRECIATES COAST GUARD'S REQUIREMENTS TO WARN FISHERMEN IN DUE TIME BEFORE AUGUST 1ST AND CONCURS IN IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ABOVE NOTICE. KISSINGER

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